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END OF SESSION — HF 2349 — EXCLUDED GAMBLERS, RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION REGULATION

Description. [House File 2349](#) relates to the process involved when an individual requests to be voluntarily excluded from the wagering area and gaming floor of a gambling facility. The Act requires the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) to do the following:

- Establish a process to allow an individual to be voluntarily excluded.
- Disseminate information concerning such persons to all Iowa-licensed gambling facilities.
- Provide gaming licensees electronic access to the names and Social Security numbers of voluntarily excluded persons through a secured, interactive Internet site, which the IRGC is required to develop by January 1, 2019.
- Require all information stored on the Internet site to be kept confidential pursuant to Iowa Code chapter [22](#) unless ordered by a court or another person duly authorized to release such information.

Fiscal Impact. [House File 2349](#) has no fiscal impact on the General Fund. The Act is estimated to increase Gaming Regulatory Revolving Fund expenditures by \$225,000 in FY 2019 and \$135,000 in FY 2020. The IRGC will need to hire 1.0 additional full-time equivalent (FTE) position to assist in constructing, establishing, and maintaining the data warehouse that will house the confidential information of individuals who choose to voluntarily exclude themselves from all of Iowa's 19 gambling facilities. Support costs in FY 2019 refer to one-time costs associated with hiring and training a new employee. Initial website construction expenses are estimated to cost a maximum of \$100,000 in FY 2019, with maintenance costs estimated to total around \$10,000 for FY 2020 and subsequent years.

Enactment Date. This Act was approved by the General Assembly on April 2, 2018, and signed by the Governor on April 10, 2018.

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